Do you know how difficult it will become for students to complete their homework and assignments when they are using internet that moves at a snail's pace? I remember using dial-up to complete homework that REQUIRED internet access. I might as well put away any plans I had those days because I wasn't going to be anywhere other than at my computer. Do you want to put the future generations through that kind of Hell? I would hope not. Innovation and technology are meant to help people, not impede them.
—Brett M Charles, GILBERT, AZ


The internet is a utility that should be neutral. It should not be controlled by internet service providers.
—Judi Burns, Henderson, NV


We deserve equal access to ALL information people want to share with the world!
—Katy Maehl, Spokane, WA


Don Not create a two-tiered internet system. Do not allow communications giants to purchase faster speeds that others can afford. Keep access open t all on a equal basis.
—Jerry L Jaquinta, Boca Raton, FL


Dear Tom Wheeler, It is absolutely unacceptable to continue your plan to destroy Net Neutrality. There is already too much corporate control in the United States, and it is your duty as FCC Chairman to do everything you can to secure the US Citizen's Freedom of Speech. End your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Freya Sargent, Brookline, MA


Rather than being, for the few, stand up for us.This will create monopoly where only couple people benefit, in exchange for new businesses.
—Dariusz Czarkowski, Chicago, IL


I'm a web developer. You'll basically be squashing my ability to jump into a national marketplace if my traffic is deprioritized to oblivion which would be the eventual result of your actions.
—Nick Bender, Boise, ID


Free press (including modern media) is essential to America's Constitution.
—Jessica Skyfield, Prairie Village, KS


Would you really want to turn the Internet into an absolute disaster? We already have the rich, upper-class sitting on the poor and discriminated lower-class, and we don't want the internet to be exactly like that. AT&T, Comcast and Verizon are tricking you to create this monolith of discrimination. They ae corrupt people that want to turn entertainment into packages for people to pay. Just think of what the future is if those three big buisness companies took over YOUR job, YOUR family, and not to mention YOUR life, if you let these internet rules pass. YOU might end up being one of the poor to them if you do pass them. Reclassify the Internet ISPs as telecommunication carriers, and give us real Net Neutrality. that way, the rules that would bring up the Internet Apocalypse will never happen. Please, from the bottom of our hearts, do not create the Great Internet Purge of 2014.
—Alexander Wade Denny, Dayton, OH


FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, Are you going to screw most of the internet just for money? All bandwidth was created equal. Do not change that. I oppose your plan that would allow discrimination on the internet.
—Michael Muylaert, Lenox, MI


The internet was built by the government for the people We all deserve equal access. It is not a commodity you can sell
—Robert Cohen, Montclair, NJ

Switching to a fast lane and a slow lane would be harmful. It appears that preferential treatment would be given to those who can pay an additional price for it. The major beneficiary for this would be the Internet service providers who are able to increase their profit. This will result in unnecessary interference in the information that I receive and quash new services. The playing field needs to remain level. The Internet should be regulated as a common carrier, similar to a telephone company.
—William Kirby, Arlington, TX

Net Neutrality is essential to keep the internet free from those who wish to control and limit our rights and freedoms for their own personal monetary gain. The internet is one of the most important platforms for education, free speech, and equal opportunity. Allowing a two tiered internet is a blatantly obvious attack against free speech and equal opportunity. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Please keep the internet free from those who would limit our rights and monopolize our freedoms.
—TJ Smith, MIDVALE, UT

At$T, Comcast, and Verizon really have some nerve, bloated rich corporations again trying to control everything. How much tax do they pay I wonder? Probably less than the people that would be affected.
—Janet A. DeChiaro, Hollywood, CA

The internet is far too powerful a weapon to be in the hands of private interests. Classify the internet as a utility NOW!! Stop talking about it and just do it, Mr. Wheeler! If you don't, then we will know that you have been bought and paid for.
—Josh Storey, Portland, OR

Please re-classify ISPs as common carriers. I care very much about this issue - a flat internet is essential to a better future for humankind as well as our economy.
—Gregory Baskin, Grandville, MI

Real Net Neutrality is a real cause. Don't let the net get encumbered like the old Ma Bell!
—Ms. JoAnn Kingdon, Bethesda, MD

In today's modern world, Internet access has become synonymous with and as necessary as phone access. Having tiered access to internet service makes as much sense as charging someone extra for calling someone else who uses a different phone company.
—Steve Bornstein, Round Rock, TX

Internet access is as vital today as electricity. It is nigh impossible to get by in today's world without it. This is why there is no alternative than to reclassify internet providers as common carriers. The founding fathers never intended for businesses to be people, please do not tell them that they are more important than the people that you are sworn to serve by ending net neutrality. Keep your integrity - reclassify.
—Elijah Wade, Cape Girardeau, MO

We consumers need to have access to the same quality of internet service as businesses. Just as electricity and other basic utilities are delivered to all at the same quality of services, so too must this new basic utility, the internet. ISPs need to be classified as common carriers!
—Mary Lou Ritter, Portland, OR

The net should be free to everyone. It is one sign of a democracy that we should have such a wonderful resource. If net neutrality expires, the net will for financial reasons be outside the province of citizens who have little money. This is not democratic and harms these people financially and in other ways - including social justice.
—Gretel Munroe, Medford, MA

Equality on the Interent is a must for everyone. Bandwidth should continue to be uniform across this country. Big money cannot have more bandwidth, that is wrong wrong wrong!
—John Mantey, Chula Vista, CA

How dare you destroy the internet by turning into a wet dream for ISPs. Way to not look out for society but instead for corporations.
—Dana Carstensen, Hillsboro, OR


Please don't let internet service providers have that much control over the internet.
—Alice Lee, Los Angeles, CA


Because my business is internet based and while I happily support my family, I can't afford to be dragged through the mud by service fees for the sake of service fees
—Shawn Smith, Indianapolis, IN


Look, I'm going to explain this like no one has before. And I am laying it out as it is. You making different speeds for higher paying clients is purposely setting up tolls where tolls shouldn't be in place. You are using it only for your gain and doesn't provide any positive perks. You are setting a box office in the middle of innovation. We are in the middle of merging cellphones slowly to be our all in one computers, and soon televisions will be next, along with faster internet speeds, for you to sit a toll in the middle of the internet will don't the growth to New technology and an assinide movement just for wealth. If you care anything for the future and your success, I'd leave the internet alone. We finally have technology that makes us adapt faster, and to take away movement on the internet, which is the life blood to most businesses is an extreme that shows you care nothing for people but only your bottom line. Leave the internet alone.
—The Noobens, saint peters, MO


It is important to me because I do not want only propaganda at my fingertips. The media has much to be ashamed of these days.
—BA Williams, Denver, CO


Our country is already at the mercy of corporations in almost every aspect of our lives. Letting corporations control the Internet is the last nail in our coffin. Don't make learning and information only for those who can afford it.
—Mary Finnie, Salinas, CA


Please preserve free speech, which is a right guaranteed to all.
—Angela Hager, Hanover Park, IL


The net was never intended to be slowed for those that cannot afford to pay
—Vicki Tomlinson, Nelliston, NY


Go ahead, FCC and continue with your plan. If you want to hamper the american economy and create a United States that is no better than China in terms of censorship. At this point in time in America Internet is something that people desperately need and We cannot allow these companies to have control of it. It is a huge part of our daily life and indeed our business practices. With this corporations would rule supreme and the small businessman would be pushed out of the picture. This has potential to have MAJOR ECONOMIC REPERCUSSIONS.
—Steven Thornwall, Topeka, KS


Net neutrality is needed to guarantee the free exchange of information between net users, individuals, public officials, and businesses. Any entity such as a small startup company can be disadvantaged by biased net access. In the worst case a dominating company can block competition and startup companies in a way that inhibits innovation and financial growth.
—Kim Sandström, Esbo,


If we are to truly encourage innovation, to develop new and different thinking, we can not do it with a system that stifles creativity the way a static, tiered internet run by a couple of majors would. The FCC's proposed rules are terrible, and should not even be considered, the internet instead should be considered a common carrier - one open to all. The US is already incredibly backwards in it's telecommunications industry, we should not be pushing it further.
—Peter Ciurczak, Medford, MA

Keep the World Wide Web-net neutrality.
—Celestino Rodriguez, Crystal Lake, IL


Net Neutrality is important because it means that the the largest and wealthiest corporations in the world won't be able to stifle innovation across the internet by forcing their smaller competitors into buffering limbo. I believe the internet should remain a level playing field where content drives user traffic, not the speed of the connection. Chairman Wheeler is clearly trying to push an agenda that benefits very few while permanently shifting the internet landscape for the worse for internet users around the world.
—John Brogan, Nashville, TN


As an Internet user who believes strongly in the importance of a free and open Internet (as, now and henceforward, the backbone of a FREE & OPEN SOCIETY), I urge the FCC to reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, and ISPs as common carrier public utilities, and save Net Neutrality. In addition, the FCC should reject the proposed rules that would allow Internet service providers to divide the Internet into fast lanes for wealthy corporations and slow lanes for the rest of us. Such a bifurcation of access and/or speed would de facto establish nothing less than what is tantamount to a neo-feudalism in broadband internet services and communication(s), and is, again, abhorrent to a FREE & OPEN Liberal Polity/Society.
—Mark Phillips, Richland Hills, TX


It is crazy to allow faster service for the rich and powerful.
—Elizabeth Thompson, Takoma Park, MD


Keep free speech alive.
—James Cottrell, Garden City, KS


Please ensure true net neutrality by classifying internet service providers as common carriers! A two tiered approach will only favor large corporations and dramatically stifle innovation and global access to information.
—Stephen Surace, Norwalk, CT


This is a disastrous idea. ISP's should not be able to control where people go and how fast they get there. The repercussions of allowing this are so far beyond what I can even imagine. We already pay plenty for data and they make plenty, giving them free reign to charge as they will and not regulating them is ludicrous. There are over 20 million small businesses who will be effected, my employer included. This is a terrible idea and one the American people should not stand for. It really feels like the FCC is working for AT&T, Comcast, & Verizon and not the public. If they were working for the public then they would squash this now. Please, please think of the consequences of this action, it will hurt the struggling smaller businesses. There is absolutley no reason to go forward but many, many to stop it now.
—Stacey Wallace, MANCHESTER, NH


Please put aside your self interests, and protect our internet.
—Chiemi Heil, Charlotte, NC


The internet should be a free place of innovation for the next Yahoo, eBay, Amazon, NetFlix, Google, Facebook, etc. Each allowed to rise and fall based on the demands of their customers, not the demands of internet service providers and their last mile networks. Both the small and large should be treated with equal measure, it should not be for the internet service provider to decide who is using too much of the service they pay for already. If you goto a restaurant they do not charge you extra depending on how often you frequent, nor should it be with internet service. When someone pays for a certain bandwidth they should be free to use that bandwidth as they choose.
—Nicola DiPasquale, Brookhaven, PA

The internet should not be up for grabs to the highest bidder. It should be open to all people at the same level. I am wondering if it is not all ready sold out. I am having ongoing issues with my computer timing out when going to a site, that cannot be resolved. I think the slow lane is already here but we are not being told. A new computer should not be having loading issues and timing out when trying to open on different site.
—Marge E Berkeyheiser, Trenton, NJ

We will never stop fighting for true net neutrality, so just do the right thing.
—Nathan stehle, Madison, WI

Do not allow a "fast lane" on the internet. It will completely change the face of the internet for the worse!
—Rob Fisher, San Antonio, TX

I want net neutrality because slow speeds for large conpanies will cause the slower people to use the internet less and therefore lower the economy
—Harry Kessell, st austell,

Dear Mr. Wheeler, It is my request that net neutrality become a non issue with your ruling to preserve same. A two-tiered internet is not in the best interest of the very customers who use it and provide carriers with the profits that they enjoy today. Net Neutrality is a must. Thank you for your time. James G Whitehead Mount Clemens, MI
—James G Whitehead, Mount Clemens, MI

Net Neutrality is fundamental for the growth of the technology industry. As we strive to collect more data on the "internet of things" traffic will grow exponentially. If the FCC allows for Big Business to pay for the so called "Fast-Lane" or "Hyper-speed", you will inhibit the growth of small tech companies. Companies that have been tasked to analyze, interpret, and improve the industry. By not keeping the net neutral, you are bastardizing the purpose of the Internet. The Internet must remain free, neutral, and ever-growing. Don't listen to the Lobbyists in Washington. Listen to the people you are here to protect - average United States Citizens.
—Jenny Kieffaber, Indianapolis, IN

Everyone thinks you've been captured by the companies you're supposed to be regulating, and are working against the interests of the people. Prove everybody wrong, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Johnicholas Hines, Portland, ME

It's important to me because of equality. Inequality is reproduced in so many ways already, we don't need another way to disadvantage some people and some companies. There are NO BENEFITS to creating a two-tiered internet system that are worth the disadvantages and negatives.
—Rebecca Havens, Boulder, CO

An open forum such as the internet should not be allowed to be dictated by corporations. We DO NOT WANT a "fast" lane and a "slow" lane. It should remain as it is now, with all ISPs classified as common carriers.
—Alesha Jess, Corvallis, OR

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. "Fast-Lanes" are not a solution.
—George Pletz, Elizabethtown, PA

Keep the internet equally available and free to all, not in the control of corporations.
—Josh Jauz, Altamonte Springs, FL

Without a free and open internet, we are not truly a free society. Stand up for what is right! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Amanda R. Wilson, Waynesboro, VA

ATT COMCAST AND VERIZON ARE NOT ME. I am a living breathing caring American who believes that it is your duty to represent us, however convinced you are the world in Washington is real, it is not real. Throe out your rules and reclassify ISPs as Common Carriers. This is the Only way to protect Net Neutrality
—Joshua Raab, Los Angeles, CA


The internet is a common usage element of everyday life. It should not be prioritized for corporations to squeeze more money from individuals. thank you for your consideration
—Michael Bradley, Granada Hills, CA


Please give us the Internet back.
—Pamela Jasper, Tampa, FL


Be sure, this individual, natural flash and blood; free-born sovereign with Creator Endowments does NOT CONSENT to your frivolous attempts to further "slavery" of We The People. WE DO NOT Concede Our Unalienable rights of Self-Determination. STOP THE BS NOW and leave our FREEDOMS alone...I don't care what pressure you are feeling from the "global elitist greed monkeys." .
—Thomas Mack Jennings, Sulphur Springs, TX


FCC, throw out your crazy rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!
—Lawrence Snyder, Newtown Square, PA


Please think about the future of Internet, you just can't take side of the big corporations think of the little guy.
—Satpal Singh Mac, Calabasas, CA


People need a free Net Neutrality forever.
—Janice Thompson, Council Bluffs, IA


We need real net neutrality! Please reclassify! Thanks
—Ashley, Chugiak, AK


Dear Tom Wheeler, Please do not allow "fast lanes." It's a really bad idea, which was thought up by your best friends and corporate crooks, to get even richer. You represent the people, not the corporations. Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is for the future. This is for America. P.S. I bet you don't even read this.
—Jeffery Johnson, Boulder, CO


Please don't add your name to the list of those who sold out their people for personal gain. It takes many individuals who lack integrity to create a corrupt system. You don't have to be one of them.
—Abbey Paccia, portland, OR


Please keep the internet so that the common man has open access.
—Mary Bischoff, Indianapolis, IN


Access to online content must be equal. Don't let the Internet be controlled by big business!
—Trevin Wagner, Sterling, VA


Net neutrality will ensure special interests don't overtake the internet, like they have with everything else.
—Margi Willis, Chevy Chase, MD

Keep the net neutral! Net neutrality is imperative to keep a level playing feild and to allow small buisness to survive and flourish. Please, keep the companies from creating a two tier system. The beautiful thing about the internet is the level playing field. Anyone with an idea and an internet connection has an opportunity to create the next great thing! If thier is a two tier system the next best idea may never make it off the ground. Please keep the net neutral.
—Robert Cope, Claremore, OK

Chairman Tom Wheeler, Please reconsider FCC' plans to create a two-tier internet. Monetizing the internet for the benefit of big corporations is NOT what the intent of the originally created charter of FCC was about. The people of this great Nation deserve more and their needs should take significant precedent over the profit motive(s) of corporations.
—N Inal, Newport Beach, CA

Net Neutrality is the only thing that allows for open competition among web-based companies!
—Adam Scott Boulware, Jacksonville, FL

Keep the internet free, if you allow the current ruling, you will kill the golden age of innovation we have scene for the last 20 years.
—Grant F Thienemann, Durham, NC

We need Net Neutrality to keep a level playing field for smaller businesses trying to get bigger!
—Claire m. Birmingham, New York City, NY

The internet needs to remain open and free. Tiered service is just another step to divide the classes and pit big companies vs start ups.
—Joseph Lonicker, Middletwon, OH

We need REAL net neutrality, not this tiered crap.
—Micah Menefee, Winter Park, FL

Net Neutrality is necessary for open competition of web applications and products. Without it, smaller companies will suffer and possibly close up, causing a loss of jobs.
—Nikitas Marangos, Woodbridge, NJ

Net neutrality is the only way to keep the internet open for new ideas.
—Richard Casey, Gun Barrel City, TX

Net neutrality is the cornerstone to current and future freedoms. It is the one thing that levels the playing field for all involved in this online information age. It is a fundamental right that must be maintained.
—Matt Tuttle, albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality is important because it is crucial to first amendment rights. I understand that telecommunications businesses want to make as much money as humanly possible from their customers, but the Internet allows people to band together, to share ideas and to communicate. This is far more important than some faceless corporation's balance sheet each quarter. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and restore Net Neutrality!
—Chris Gottschalk, Cresco, IA

Dear FCC, It has come to my attention, that the Internet that has always played a massive role in my life is in danger. In my opinion, if an internet provider will have the ability to basically promote sites which pay the most the free Internet that we all know will be dead. I urge you to reconsider this and beg you to leave the internet as it is because "fast and a hyper lane" as John Olivier explains it is nothing more than taking something which is totally free and putting it in chains. Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers and leave the Internet as it is today - free and beautiful.

—Grzegorz Makowiec, Rugby,


The cost is too high. Freedom is worth more than money. People are worth more than corporations.

—Andy Smith, Summit, NJ


I feel that allowing for some type of paid prioritization is not in the best interest of citizens. Most ISP's act as local monopolies with no competition and by allowing them to charge different rates to different companies we are creating a system that shows preferential treatment to companies that can afford tolls while leaving true competition and innovation stranded. Please stand up for real net neutrality and classify ISP's as common carriers to increase transparency and competition in this vital area of the economy.

—Nathan James, Orem, UT


We need guarantees in the form of regulations and law that prevent internet service providers from discriminating against internet traffic in any way. It is vital for the future of innovation in our economy that ISPs not be allowed to act as gatekeepers for those who can cough up money in exchange for special treatment of their traffic. It's not how the internet has worked in the past and to change now would be the most damaging step we could take. ISPs should be classified as the common carriers they are and not allowed to slow down _or_ speed up traffic they themselves deem deserving of such treatment. These companies enjoy virtual monopolies in the areas they serve, and while the United States already lags far behind in access to fast broadband internet access, those same companies now want even more latitude to make money at the expense of their customers and the citizens of this country. The FCC should refuse to give in to these powerful companies' demands for special treatment.

—Alex Tillotson, Charleston, SC


Net neutrality will help to maintain a reasonable price structure.

—Fred Chauncey, RALEIGH, NC


Killing net neutrality is un-American. It is very capitalist, sure, but that's not how I want my country defined. This country is supposed to be about freedom and opportunity.

—Alisha Rosen, San Francisco, CA


The INTERNET must be for ALL people, not just the big corporations.

—Will Files, Homer, AK


In the past two decades, the Internet has become an essential tool of commerce and communication; a lack of access can cripple a business or provide substantial difficulties for the average citizen. To be a student, professional, or successful business carries the expectation that one can communicate and engage via the internet. As a population, we are all dependent, therefore on our service providers. In the United States, few individuals or businesses have access to a sufficient number of options to truly provide for competition between internet service providers and little recourse if the dominant ISP in their region gives them unfair terms. It is insufficient to rely on good faith that ISPs will not abuse their power, so their leverage must be tempered by careful regulation.

—Spencer Thomas, Philadelphia, PA


IF this goes through only the wealthy will have access YOUR JOB protect NET Neutrality

—Robert Higgins, portland, OR

It would be a true disservice to the american people to allow corporate interests (and corporations are not 'the people) rule the FCC. Nothing less than a reclassification of the internet will suffice. I urge the FCC to think of the people they are meant to serve rather than themselves and the payouts from telecoms they might receive down the lane. Shame on the FCC for even suggesting a two tier system as if it's a solution.
—Jennifer Collins, Scotia, NY


Stop cable company Fuckery. Protect real net neutrality.
—Daniel Gutierrez, Dublin, OH


Despite what the providers lie about all the time, this WILL create a two-tiered service....which is non only undemocratic, but should also be ILLEGAL! The Net belongs to the PEOPLE....as it should be.
—Josh Whitmore, Nashville, TN


I am a startup CEO & founder. For the past 6 years I have been working on the business plan I came up with while majoring in the "Impact of Information Technology" as an undergraduate at UC Berkeley. In short the plan is to revolutionize the entertainment industry by running its business and legal back end with software and Internet services and in the process improve the monetization of creative works for artists, the consumption experience for fans, and the targeting of advertisements. I even attended law school and business school to gain the requisite knowledge to refine and execute the business. After 4 years at UC Irvine I just graduated with my JD/MBA this June. Over the past 2 years I have recruited a team of developers to implement the plan into a real Internet service, and we have even begun raising angel investments! But now, as we are on the precipice of actually launching the business I have envisioned for all these years, the underlying foundation of the Net is in imminent danger, and our business will crumble if that foundation is demolished. Colossal companies that wield as much power as the trusts that were the impetus for the Sherman and Clayton acts will use the evisceration of Net Neutrality to put companies like mine out of business before we even get started; they will do so in order to protect inferior business models that rake in cash, while depriving consumers of a free market to choose superior services! Net neutrality protects innovation and consumers. Please classify ISPs as common carriers (which they effectively operate as already!) and protect burgeoning companies like mine, the innovative economy of the US, and millions of consumers by maintaining the neutral foundation of the Internet!
—Matthew Ochmanek, Malibu, CA


These rules are ridiculous sure i admit they will earn money but it would bring hell upon the people doing this and it will make everything people have done to make the internet fair useless. Its a very stupid idea don't do this.
—Rhys Mayles, Douglas,


Preserve Net Neutrality! Don't let big money determine who has better access to the internet and relegate Main St. to a lower tier. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Andrew Crawford, Las Vegas, NV


Our personal on line use for financial tracking and investment decisions, as well as family and friend communications are more important than the "corporate opportunity" associated with price differentials for speed which will serve only the providers and their shareholders. Further, as technology enhancement become available and with the anticipated higher speeds to come the there will be little incentive to make them broadly avalable as deals are made to provide higher speeds to only a "few" of the high intensity users for class members having the heaviest wallets.
—John Hayden, Baltimore, MD


throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. 99% of the US isn't rich, we can't afford to be angry at something else that use to make us happy and relaxed. take away their pleasure and you WILL get a lot of angry citizens! 10$ here, 30$ there, 20$ over here. You're just asking for trouble and segregating the US people even more. its immoral! you can't use this freeway- that takes you twice the shorter distance than this over crowded free freeway (FREEway) over here! We already have to sign up for SO many things already- HULU, NETFLIX, showtime, hbo, mp3's, amazon prime- this are all things NOT needed but make us happy! A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations.A free and open internet promotes innovation.A free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. A free and open internet protects freedom of speech. Happy independance day!
—Shannon Ramay, Las vegas, NV

Chairman Wheeler, The proposed two tier Internet plan goes against everything the Internet was designed to provide a network for all of humanity to use and leverage. This proposal would make it difficult and in some cases impossible for entrepreneurs to use the Internet to launch new services and provide access to content in new and useful ways. We need the Internet to be an open and equitable arena for all Americans to use.

—Troy Trudel, Merrimack, NH


Keep the Net neutral, out of the greedy hands of corporate interests. Citizens first for the future!

—Jonny Pray, Venice, CA


Preserve Net Neutrality. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Allen Tiller, Fort Myers, FL


Dear FCC, I implore you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The reasoning behind this request is very simple: this will create and protect true Net Neutrality in the United States and abroad. The Internet has become such an integral part of life that the United Nations has classified Internet access as a basic human right. A cornerstone of the Internet and the inherent understanding that internet users have when accessing content is that every piece of information is treated equally. This philosophy has lead to the unprecedented ability to innovate, cooperate, and share knowledge, ideas, and the human experience. As further evidence of the necessity of this freedom, the European Union has recently passed strong net neutrality laws to preserve core principles of the Internet. So please, lead us forward with by supporting net neutrality, rather than backwards with legislation that belongs to the robber barons, not to the 21st century.

—Justin DeCamp, Chicago, IL


Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Please, throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Nasir Junejo, Shoreline, WA


Net neutrality is extemely important to a fair and open democracy. I would like to be able to access any and all information without restrictions.

—Mareline Staub, Niskayuna, NY


The web is the centerpiece of today's world. In only a few decades, the web has grown from a small group of computers to a worldwide network with billions of daily users. This kind of growth was all made possible because of net neutrality. Without it, sites such as Amazon, Twitter, reddit, and even Google would never have been able to exist. That is why the FCC must throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet is a beautiful place, and it would pain everyone for it to be taken over by corporate greed.

—Ethan Woodbury, Walnut Creek, CA


The internet is not just Cable 2.0. The internet is a venue for free expression AND business. These two things need to share the internet equally. What the cable companies are planing would cripple the free expression turning the internet into nothing more than yet another channel for consumption. We have this gift of creation and free expression now. Lets not give it up to cable companies.

—Jordan Munroe, Huntingburg, IN


Those of us on fixed incomes should not have to pay for the faster access/speeds that ending net neutrality would bring. The internet should be free to one and all.

—Michael Siarny, Thonotosassa, FL

The internet assists in providing a wonderful way for everyone to access information that could lead to an education or a budding enterprise. In these stressed economic times, anything to make opportunities more easily achieved would seem a good bet. Wheeler's plan has the potential to create disadvantages for that enterprising spirit to be dulled, which would be one more obstacle in a field of obstacles. In trying to control the movement of the Internet, a system of opportunity would be lost.
—James Maddox, Huntington, WV


The Internet is NOT only for the wealthy. We, who are young, old, starting business, studying in classrooms, should not be penalized. We common folk are the backbone of the country. By having a two tiered system, you will be breaking us. Try not to bleed us white and let equality be your motto.
—Pat Hobbs, Boulder, CO


Dear FCC and Chairman Tom Wheeler, Please do not make a decision for this shared resource that takes away from future generations to satisfy current businesses. The Internet was created, originally, for distributed communication. The World Wide Web as we know it was freely given to us by Sir Tim Berners-Lee. I've served in our beloved Marine Corps. I have seen what attacks on information systems look like. What scares me is that this reorganization of the Internet would attack more systems than any rogue organization or government agency ever could. Future generations should have access to a Neutral Internet because that was intention behind Sir Tim Berners-Lee's gift to the world. It was meant for open communication that linked ideas around the world. Classifying different types of communication differently will destroy that. Your fastlane already exists: It is User Datagram Protocol (UDP). This protocol already allows faster transmission. A new protocol can be made, but classifying service would strip the Internet of its core design. Please, do not do this. Do not satisfy businesses that are not standing on their own two feet at the cost of future innovation. Do not strip strip my children and grandchildren from a magnificent resource so that certain businesses can make more money without innovating. That is not the American way. The American dream is about opportunity. Sometimes opportunity takes work. -Matt Stephenson USMC Veteran
—Matt Stephenson, Nixa, MO


FCC, It is critical to keep the internet 'neutral' and not allow for parties to get favoritism or special access by buying it. It is YOUR job to ensure this never happens. I hope you are not one of the politicians who have accepted special favors from such entities in order to sway you. MANY people are watching what you are doing. Do it right...
—Frank Malczewski, Midland, MI


As a small business owner, net neutrality is crucial to my ability to compete within the marketplace. My business does not have the operating budget of many of my competitors, and a single-tier internet is critical for me in having a shot at gaining new clients and keeping visibility.
—Emily, Pittsburgh, PA


Just as freedom of the press is essential to a functioning democracy, I believe net neutrality is essential to preserving a democracy and fighting oligarchy.
—Tom Clinton, Crete, IL


Please do not approve the proposed Internet rules! Don't let corporations decide who gets fast internet and who does not. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Megan Manogue, Pennsville, NJ


Net neutrality is important to me because most of my life is spent on the Internet, accessing various websites to Wikipedia to YouTube to Tumblr and whatever else you can think of. If I lost access to any one of these sites, I'd just be so pissed through the roof. So please, throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Holly Mar, Tustin, CA


Net Neutrality is extremely important to ensure freedom of speech, lower consumer costs, and to help promote innovation. I would like for the current proposal to be dismissed and for ISPs to be classified as common carriers.
—Brian Carlson, Apex, NC

The Internet has been a remarkable force in democratization of our culture. The proposed rules would destroy that. Please abandon those rules and treat ISPs as common carriers.
—Carl Cole, Charleston, SC


SAVE NET NEUTRALITY! THOW OUT THIS RULING!
—Liana G Watsky, Leonia, NJ


The big corporations are geared towards lying to make their profits. Why is the FCC allowing them to get away with monopolies, that are not in the public's best interest. It time to do the work the commission was set up to do, serve the public good. Please vote to make the Internet a Public Utility. Show the world you're not just tools of greedy corporations.
—Elizabeth Shedd, Seattle, WA


we need net neutrality, for different points of view
—Rich Richardson, dayton, NV


Dear FCC, please wake up and fight off lobbyists from Comcast/Time Warner....don't allow them to destroy America's future! The only way to protect real Net Neutrality is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and mandate absolutely zero discrimination in internet traffic.
—Asif Sheikh, Mountain View, CA


I am so tired of big corporations taking advantage of individuals. The internet has worked well for everyone up to this point, why does Verizon and Comcast etc need an advantage, Will that be passed along to individual users? I strongly doubt it.
—Lynn Godmilow, Philadelphia, PA


The internet belongs equally to everyone. The current plan doesn't recognize this. Throw out the rules under consideration. Instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't start yet another unequal system where money rules. The FCC has a responsibility to maintain net neutrality, not maim it.
—Sunnie Noellert, McKinleyville, CA


Net neutrality requires the FCC to reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. The ISPs should not be allowed to choose different data transmission speeds, they should improve data speeds universally.
—Mr. Steve Burns, Austin, TX


Preserve Net Neutrality, no two-tiered system for the internet.
—Connie Stroh, Randolph, NJ


We are the country of the free. Let's live by example!!! Keep the internet net neutral.
—Lotlri, Woburn, MA


We do not want a tiered internet, we want true net neutrality.
—Simon Goble, Bemidji, MN


Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jeanne Miller, Orlando, FL

Our country seems to do everything wrong, these days. We're the leader in nothing, except war and oil production. And now the one things that unites our country and the world, you want limit. No matter how you spin it, we all know the truth. So destroy yet another thing that our country created using tax dollars. But I'll say this and I'm not alone; we the people are getting sick of your shit. Do the right thing, the thing the people demand and not what the few, rich want.
—William Simpson, Milford, CT

It is essential to protect our free speech: reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Also, as a small, very small, business, it is important to me financially that neutrality of the net, our internet, prevails. I also hope to continue to find the many smaller, but important websites, with relative ease. Thank you if someone pays attention to this.
—Martha Osmun, Bristol, VT

Don't you fat cats have enough?
—Silvia Cano, Nazareth, PA

A two tiered internet would be the beginning of the end for the American consumer. Prices will rise for internet access and access will be throttled as well. The internet provides everyday people with an equal voice. Please listen to the majority. Do not attempt to silence the majority!!
—Val Anne Welch, Port Townsend, WA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Already in this country we have a near "one dollar, one vote" situation. That's bad for democracy. Creating a two-tiered internet, where wealthy corporations have more influence, further erodes our democracy.
—M Lara Hoke, WORCESTER, MA

How can we still call ourselves a democracy when decisions are made based on corporate accounts, instead of the will and well-being of the people?
—Melissa cooper, Cottage Grove, OR

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers for the sake of our freedom.
—Conor Keilty, Scottsdale, AZ

Dear FCC, Throw out the old, outdated rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet is not meant to be yet another way to widen the gap between peoples but a tool to bring us closer to a better humanity.
—Rachel Overbeck, Omaha, NE

The internet has become the most pervasive and important form of speech in the USA, and the proposed changes to net neutrality would limit access to free speech and violate the constitutional principles that this country is founded-all in order to increase the profits of private corporations. All content, and thus all speech, is equal. No private citizen supports these changes and approving them would be to demonstrate once and for all that government powers are no longer responsive to the people, but only to the powerful few rich enough to contribute handsomely to campaign accounts. These proposed changes must be thrown out.
—Jennifer Stein, Carlsbad, CA

The free and unfettered access to information is what makes the Internet the MOST amazing and exceptional tool of our lives. Absolute net neutrality is key to paving the way toward an explosion of creative problem solving potential that would benefit everyone. Studies of creative genius show that the bedrock of genius level solutions is built upon the the free exchange of ideas. Do Not Throttle the Internet. Just because people are poor doesn't mean they don't deserve speed and informational access, not to mention the fact that Net Neutrality unfairly favors big companies who already have far too much power.
—Linda Jung, Fairfield, OH

Why don't you restore our faith in our government and prove you haven't been bought
—Jonathan G Norris, largo, MD


Please protect Net Neutrality NO! to 2-tiered pricing
—Jim Milner, Portland, OR


Dear FCC, Please protect average citizens and keep the internet neutral. We cannot protect ourselves from the large companies. They will take advantage of no net neutrality to the detriment of the people. Our youth and the future competitiveness of our nation have much to lose without establishing guaranteed net neutrality.
—Ileana Desalos, Houston, TX


FCC should throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.
—Thomas Iden, Hampton Bays, NY


Please don't give corporates the advantage over real people. Corporations aren't people and the internet is one of the only mediums that is entirely fair and accessable to all. Keep net neutrality and don't let the corporations of the world convince you or bribe you or anything else to make you change one of our inaliable rights, free access to free speech. Please protect net neutrality and don't cave into the capitalists that want to control access to our only free and fair method of communication.
—Paul Stephens, huntington, VT


Chairman Wheeler, Maintaining an open and equally accessible internet is at the core of the spirit and creation of the internet itself for all of it's vast array of users. We, as a country that claims to place individual freedom as an irrevocable right above all others, should express this by ensuring that access to such a world changing cache of information becomes easier and more fair. The changes being proposed, to permit ISPs to create multi-tiered access for corporations, do a disservice to these ideals by allowing the providers and large companies able to dictate which content arrives at which speeds to consumers. This can only open the way for further inequality with regards to online product access. A fair and single tiered access for all companies, is key to providing an equally competitive field for current and future businesses to play on. Attempting to allow these middle-men to discriminate between online content and applications and skew the experiencing for American customers is not in line with our country's ideals and cannot be further considered. Please, send a modern message of freedom, by telling these ISPs that access to the internet is as basic as service as telephone lines or gas and electric utilites and should be classified and provided as such. Regards, Alex Moon Steamboat Springs, CO
—Alex Moon, Steamboat Springs, CO


I am outraged that net neutrality is not in place. Why should the ISPs be allowed to descriminate against websites based on how much or how little traffic they get? That is absurd -- I should get unbiased access to whatever website I want. This is America where we should be free, not controlled by greedy corporations.
—Thomas Laubhan, Plano, TX


When the recession hit, the only open market left to those devastated by the loss of available work was the internet. Since its inception, it has proven to fuel not only technology but creativity, community, and learning. An open internet means the American Dream can still happen. Closing down the fast lanes to those who cannot afford it will put this progress on hold. Not only small businesses will lose out, but also individuals with the potential to contribute greatly to the free market and the nation and world as a whole, with new ideas, new services, and new businesses. The internet for all its lol cats and proofs of "rule 34" is nevertheless the source of the next great Renaissance and the Net Neutrality Act will end that. It would be like replacing Shakespeare with Windows text reader and saying that all the words are still there so it's okay. This act is a step away from the great firewall of China. It would kill the human spirit. Power greedy for more power will always try to kill creativity and free speech, both for selfish and political means, and naming this aim something as tame-sounding as the "net-neutrality act" is only proof of how much of an evil this favoritism towards the big names on the net would really be.
—Petra Winters, Wilmington, NC

Please don't further cripple the people's voice and ways to communicate. The internet needs to stay neutral, not give special interests or ANYONE a fast track or any preference. With a 2-tiered internet, we might as well go back to the class system. And the people will be the second class. Please do not fall victim to big money from large corporations whose only motive is their own profit. Please preserve true net neutrality and help one of the only ways true democracy is still present in America.

—Valerie Henderson, Los Angeles, CA

If you try to start ramping up the cost of accessing a service provided on the internet then companies like Comcast can charge even more for their already ridiculously overpriced internet provider fees. This is not going to make you any allies in the future if you keep trying to estrange everyone who uses the internet on a daily basis but cannot afford "exclusive" speeds.

—Devin Buettgenbach, Ottawa, KS

The idea of allowing companies to determine a higher level of access and control of the internet will defeat the success of the internet. In fact, the reason the internet WORKS is essentially because it is fully free and open to everyone. Please keep the internet functioning and reject this corruption of corporate control. Keep it free and open. Corporations are NOT people. Please throw out these new proposed rules of a "two-tiered" internet, and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Stephen Yarbrough, Indianapolis, IN

Net neutrality is as essential for 21st century communication as the landline telephone was in the 20th century. I use it in my volunteering for charity, in my work, and as my main source of news. The only way to protect this resource that is the bedrock of democracy and the lifeblood of productivity in our nation is to reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. The current classification was wrongheaded to start with.

—Suzanne Dykstra, Ijamsville,, MD

The Internet cannot belong to anyone. It must remain the province of everyone and hopefully soon, it will be free for all to enjoy like the Interstate system. The telcos, cable companies and other big ISPs should be hired by the government to provide services on a competitive bid basis. We could light up the nation for the cost of a single aircraft carrier group.

—Steve Ocean, St Augustine, FL

I am another Internet user who would prefer to see a reasonable Net Neutrality in place, based on free commerce. That is, providers should have a right to set rates for their service, but the FCC should act to preserve a vigorous competition between providers and an efficient market that will keep rates low.

—Kenneth Nahigian, Sacramento, CA

Net neutrality is the only way to insure that information is available to all regardless of situation. Giving providers a way to regulate information access through the ability to charge will destroy more of the ever vanishing equality we used to enjoy more thoroughly.

—Francis Fashing, Palm Desert, CA

Please ... Please Tell the FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—James R. Smith, Portland, OR

Net Neutrality is important to me because companies should not be able to discriminate against users because of how much they can pay for using online content and applications.

—Shelly Ho, Williston, VT

Reclassify the internet providers as common carriers! There is no reason that it should be any different that telephone carriers or power. Internet is a utility, period

—Ryan Anderson, Miami, FL

Reclassify Internet service providers as Common Carriers!
—E Naiche Anderson, Spokane, WA


Dear FCC, I am a web designer by trade and an internet lover by practice. I believe the internet is akin to the American frontier, in that it's birthed a wealth of new ideas, culture and exploration, largely because we have had the freedom to shape it into whatever we want on equal footing with all creators big and small. This equal footing (aka Net Neutrality) embodies to me what I think of as true "freedom of speech" in that my online ideas and projects have the same access and privileges to reach an audience as large, bandwidth-hungry businesses. I believe quite vehemently that the proposed rules to (artificially) introduce a two-speed internet would be the death-knell to the freedom that we've enjoyed so far online. The ISPs would be the only beneficiary of such rules, at the expense of all internet users. As representatives of America's communications, I implore you to throw out these proposed rules as discriminatory, and instead reclassify the ISPs as common carriers, cementing true Net Neutrality now and in the future with little room for meddling. Thank you, Brad Thomason
—Brad Thomason, Philadelphia, PA


Putting internet access under control of these common carriers will effectively mean the end of free and open internet access and allow these access providers to discriminate selectively without just cause. Unless these providers are classified as common carriers as they are now it would create a monopoly just as it was when The Bell Telephone company had total control on telecommunications. To institute this plan would be a violation of our Civil Rights guaranteed by the US constitution and Bill of Right supon which this country was founded.
—Deanna Joy Hallmark, Santa Fe, NM


We need Net Neutrality now! You must make a level playing field as this technology has become central to so many. NET NEUTRALITY NOW!!!
—Justin Tarik Shockley, Astoria, NY


DON'T allow this discrimination! The internet is a viable space for people to communicate, for small business, and entertainment alike. The last thing it needs is more corporate bias.
—Shy Nicole Custis, Columbus, OH


Net neutrality is critical to having a fair playing field for innovation and having multiple tiers only benefits the large corporations. Internet has become a basic service like power and water, it needs to be regulated as such.
—Brad Zobrist, Lehi, UT


I like the internet the way it is: all have an equal opportunity to participate and be heard.
—Clay Teller, PORTLAND, OR


Please keep the internet fair and free. All should have equal access, including little start ups like mine who can't compete with "premiums" paid by AT&T, Comcast, and other big companies. If Chairman Wheeler's plan was to be proposed by China, there would be an outcry of pressure to play "favorites" on the internet and impede free speech and free commerce. Instead, put your effort into reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.
—Ronald Rugel, San Jose, CA


Tom wheeler should resign in disgrace, net neutrality is not up for debate.
—Cameron best, Missoula, MT


Net Neutrality is important for me so that I can more readily support and develop local businesses, the lifeblood of our economies all around the world. By adhering to rules provided by companies or okayed by them, you have created a "chicken being guarded by foxes" situation, the people cannot trust your decision in particular Tom Wheeler due to the circumstances of your gaining your current chairman position. You may have all the best intentions, but it's obvious that you must listen to the people and classify these companies as common carriers.
—Billy Butler, Seattle, WA

Please don't destroy net neutrality and instead try to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. thyvm
—Oliver Grabow, Saarbrücken,

If it isn't broken, don't fix it. Please do not put up roadblocks on our internet highway. For no good reason, it will change our virtual world as we know it. Thank you.
—Carmen Burgess, Cave Junction, OR

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.
—Jessica Tektas, Los Angeles, CA

Keep the internet in the hands of the people.
—James Rizzolo, Stuart, FL

I use the Internet for research not for shop till I drop syndrome. I don't go on the internet to have money sucked out my pocket for junk I do not need.
—Keith Forrest, Volcano, CA

With the ever increasing disparity between the ultra affluent and the rest of us it is ever important that the Internet remain a free flow of ideas and information both in form and in price. The Internet, as it was intended, is a level field where all thought is and should be available without the intervention, selection or discrimination of corporate entities.
—Eric Rodas, San Jose, CA

The only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Gleb Kodinets, NY, NY

throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Germain Barrios, West Palm Beach, FL

■ We do not require laws to stratify the internet. Net Neutrality Is Paramount For Freedom FOR ALL ■
—TC Wheeler, Tucson, AZ

The internet shouldn't be owned by a few large corporations who decide how the rest of use can use this resource. Corporations are motivated purely by profit. The needs of ordinary citizens is not among their priorities. Keep the internet free.
—James McQuilkin, Milton, DE

ISPs need to be classified as common carriers. The "need" for tiered connections based on content is indefensible.
—Charles Kirk, Gainesville, FL

The internet should not be govern by those who can pay the most. It is the one place right now that anyone of any statue can be seen as equal. It also allows the free of speech without fear of censorship.
—Ms. Brooke Davis, Watertown, MA

Please do not let this monopoly happen. You are undermining the American people, our government and your responsibility to keep the legitimacy of democracy.
—Todd Elliott, Mansfield, MA

Please support true net neutrality to keep America as a leading innovator in the world and to prevent further abuse of market position that the cable companies already enjoy. It's simple: Classify ISPs as common carriers. That's what they are!!
—Shaun Currier, Naperville, IL


Please keep the internet equal for all uses and no let the "big corporations" control the speed which information is shared. Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Taft Navarro, Hanahan, SC


Hello FCC, Net Neutrality is important for protecting small businesses in the USA. We already pay ISPs for the receiving end of the data, and it does not make sense for them to charge differently based on the source of the data. Please stick with the model that has made the internet, and our modern economy so successful for the last few decades. And please follow the lead in protecting net neutrality (as other countries have) so that we are left in the internet and economic dust. thank you, Dan
—Daniel Anolik, Portland, OR


The World Wide Web should be an environment where all types of information and programs have an equal opportunity to exist and be experienced by any user with an internet connection because it is fair and if humans have the option to make an institution fair, then humans should make it so.
—Brandon Ortiz-Fynan, Glen Allen, VA


Dear Mr. Wheeler, Did you invent the internet? Do you have some kind of proprietary rights over the internet? Are you receiving some compensation from corporations who somehow believe they should have some form of special privilege over what has always been a platform for all? I assure you this is a period in our history in which the few are constantly being pushed down by the wealthy few; are you part of this as well? I urge you to please consider the well-being of the majority over the greed of the few. Thomas R Crandall Marble, NC
—Thomas R Crandall, Marble, NC


Net Neutrality is essential for innovation. Without it, small companies will never be able to compete with established giants.
—Jonas Bohlin, Bromma,


The internet accessibility should not be based on how much money you have. The internet is what is feeding the nations recovery, creating a teared internet will hurt the economy
—George Salet, Pacifica, CA


As one of the primary platforms for free speech in this day and age, the Internet NEEDS to be equal for everyone.
—Jessica Fishell, Phoenix, AZ


Please - the internet should be a common carrier, just like a post office. Net neutrality is the only sensible way to go. A two-tier system will effectively give us two internets. How would that make any sense?
—Baxter Tocher, Edinburgh,


Net Neutrality is what made Google and Yahoo and Amazon and Facebook and Wikipedia and the Internet as we know it today possible. Otherwise we'd be using a corporate version of Minitel - at best. Keep it open and free for the next generation of great American companies. Reclassify the Internet as a common carrier and resist the temptation to help a few monopolies today - for the sake of a competitive landscape for the Googles and Facebooks of tomorrow.
—David Macdonald, Austin, TX

My main source of information, social contacts with friends and colleagues, and news is the internet which I have used since the 70's when it was DARPA. To give the internet away to corporate interests would be a crime. The internet should be a public utility. Captain Craig Bailey Rutherfordton, NC
—Craig Bailey, Rutherfordton, NC


People run this nation, not money. Put in fast lanes and you will limit our country's accessibility to innovation and knowledge. Keep the internet free and open to everyone.
—John Paul Bittner, Athens, GA


Why net neutrality? Because it is democratic and egalitarian; providing equal opportunities to everyone and not just the privileged.
—Matthew Seymour, Playa Del Rey, CA


As an Internet user who believes strongly in the importance of a free and open Internet, I urge the FCC to reclassify broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service, and save Net Neutrality. In addition, the FCC should reject the proposed rules that would allow Internet service providers to divide the Internet into fast lanes for wealthy corporations and slow lanes for the rest of us.
—Becky Hawkins, Portland, OR


Very Important: Please protect Net Nuetrality!
—Ed Thein, Winnetka, CA


Reclassify ISPs (Internet Service Providers) as Common Carriers. Doing otherwise will destroy the greatest invention of humankind, which has brought us massive technological innovation, reduced prices on real and digital goods, and which serves the public good, bolstering our Constitutional Liberties. I do not believe that you are against these principles, only a monster would destroy humanity's greatest achievement in Communication.
—Michael A Culver, Fortuna, CA


The internet is a free and open place, things cannot be changed to allow corporations to limit and throttle access to certain websites because of a certain pay grade they fall into. It's a disgusting practice and should not be allowed.
—Jezz Bentham, Wakefield, CA


I want real net neutrality. A two-tiered internet is the worst thing imaginable for the internet. The only way to protect free speech online is to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers.
—Alfred Denny, Oak Ridge, TN


Please keep speech, information and the net moving freely and fairly.
—Lisa McNorton, North Las Vegas, NV


Chairman Wheeler's plan for the internet amounts to nothing more than a new income stream for the ISPs who already charge more for less than the rest of the world. The providers themselves should be regulated to insure a free and open internet without discrimination and price gouging.
—Jim Dunkelberger, Cape May Court House, NJ


Net neutrality is important to me because it is a free space where everyone is equal and it needs to stay that way. Please reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Meneka Thiru, Anchorage, AK

I was a customer of Verizon for many years and during that time they couldn't even provide decent telephone service let alone provide an internet connection. I had to wait until a local telephone cooperative expanded it reach into my area and they invested in the fiber-optic infrastructure to provide broadband service. If the big three communications companies are allowed to take control of the internet we will never receive the the investment in technology that so many other nations now enjoy.
—Bernard Lisner, Westfield, WI

The cost of internet is costly enough without having to pay more. This is ludicrous to even consider siding with these companies that want more money. Internet is for all of us.
—Richard Cunningham, Maryville, TN

Do not let Net Neutrality End. Keep the Internet a level playing field. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Morgan Cahall, New Castle, DE

Net neutrality is what allows new businesses to develop on the internet. It's what allowed Facebook and Myspace and Google to exist. Without net neutrality, the bigger businesses will lock down the bandwidth and prevent entrepreneurs from rising up through the ranks. The irony of this whole situation is that trashing net neutrality is anti-capitalist. It will actually make the market LESS free. You have to protect this. There's no reasonable argument against net neutrality.
—Mr. Mark Kilborn, Madison, WI

Net neutrality is essential to keeping information as accessible as possible. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Kristina Green, Fort Howard, MD

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Jeffrey Ward, New York, NY

Throw out your (FCC) rules and reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect true Net Neutrality!
—Richard Erb, Cincinnati, OH

The attempt to stamp out Net Neutrality is a disgrace. I do not see how one could in good conscience support the proposed plan.
—Colin Brady, San Jose, CA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler: It is absurd to think that a two-tiered Internet is the way to go. This misguided proposal of yours would create a fast lane for companies that can afford the steep tolls — and push the rest of us to a slower tier of service.
—Des Colleran, Aliso Viejo, CA

Throw out this ridiculously discriminatory plan and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Tamara Morrison, Dove Canyon, CA

Save the internet as it is, keep it free.
—Gary W Smith, Charlestown, IN

Please preserve net neutrality and keep the internet a commons for the people. The free flow of information is important.
—Dawn Goodwin, Norton Shores, MI

We need REAL net neutrality. It's ridiculous that companies will be able to pay for faster services. How are new companies supposed to get their companies online if the can't pay like big companies can?
—Collin Pittman, Carmel, IN

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler still thinks a two-tiered Internet is the way to go. His misguided proposal would create a fast lane for companies that can afford the steep tolls — and push the rest of us to a slower tier of service. This is the worst thing imaginable for the Internet. And yet Wheeler thinks he can ignore the growing outcry and implement his plan. He needs to know that this won't fly. The only way — and we mean the only way — to protect free speech online is to reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.
—Shawn Kardell, bloomington, MN


A free society require free and open communication for all. Placing speed boosts or limits on the internet traffic, in favor of one over another; limits true freedom of information flow. If I had a website or business. I would hate to think I would have to pay someone extra, just to insure that people accessing my information could do so in a timely manor. Small business and start up companies will suffer horriably if the current proposed rules go into effect. I feel the only way to ensure an open internet for all is to classify ISP's as common carriers. Because as much as the phone has opened the world to people. The internet stands to do so much more, but only if the information is open to all.
—David Edward Morgan Jr., Knoxville, TN


Net Neutrality is important for the spirit of American entrepreneurship. Right now, a kid with an idea, some skill, and a 12 pack can create a multiple billion dollar company because he's on equal footing with the larger established corporations. If the FCC eliminates this, it will be destroying a major part of what makes America great.
—Tabitha Goodykoontz, Indianapolis, IN


It's the right thing to do Everyone should have equal access no matter their financial situations
—Bonnie Chasse, wernersville, PA


Free speech and neutrality are core values and assets of the web. Canceling those is an insult to the international community, it is unacceptable. As millions of people and organisations are asking you: please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Does the FCC really want to contrary millions to please the few rich? You know it has never been a good idea to go agaisnt the mass when they're angry.
—Phil, h9,


Dear Mr. Wheeler and members of the FCC, I am the Director at the Brainerd Memorial Library in Haddam, CT. Libraries can't afford to pay for a faster connection to the Internet. We provide free services to all the citizens of our cities and towns. Our country was founded on the democratic principal that all men are created equal. All internet connections should be equal. You should not widen the gap that already exists in this country between the rich and the poor. The poor often can't afford to pay for a computer and a current internet connection. Raising the price will put access to the information and communication methods needed to survive in modern society ever further beyond their means. This is extremely unfair. Please don't institute this plan that would discriminate against the most needy in our country. Sincerely, Cynthia A.Christie de Muhlbach
—Cynthia Muhlbach, Haddam, CT


The Internet has been available to everyone with the resources to pay for it. Not everyone has this access, because not everyone can pay for the even the basic Internet service. Still, it is available. The proposed changes will cut into that basic availability by creating one fast, modern path for those who can pay more than the minimum, and essentially a dirt road for the rest of us. Access to the Internet has fostered creativity and enhanced democracy. Creating a two-tiered system of access will squelch this creativity and harm our democracy. It will allow companies the power to decide who has access to the Internet and who does not, and what kind of content all of us can access. If the goal of the Internet is to entrench corporate rule, harm our democracy and help us continue on the path to becoming a third world country, then end net neutrality. Just to be clear, the above will be the result of ending net neutrality. However, if the goal of the Internet is access for all, then classify ISPs as common carriers and make it truly available to everyone - and PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY!!!
—Carol Foth, St Paul, MN

It protects my freedom of choice on the internet, and also protects other's abilities to get started. I can choose to view whatever I choose to without discrimination from my ISP and other corporations. It allows developers to improve upon old things without big corporations enforcing what can and can't be done. It allows freedom on the internet, plain and simple. To remove this freedom would be to handicap progress and needed improvements for our future generations.

—Jacob McMullen, Titusville, FL


The Internet is not broken, so don't allow the haphazard breaking of it for the millions of people using it simply because corporations want to enrich themselves while paying little to no attention to the majority of the users: your normal citizen. The Genesis of the corporations' attempts to change the Internet rules is Netflix and its video streaming. Their earlier mail-order DVD rental is what put virtually every DVD rental store out of business. Now they are moving to online-demand videos, and they're expecting everyone else to accommodate their needs regardless of the impact on the average user. It is beginning to appear as if the only way to repel the money-hungry corporations is to give the Internet full, legal, public utility status. But regardless of whether the Internet is given utility status, it needs to be left intact, as it currently is.

—Bob Engle, Cherry Hill, NJ


I believe access to information is a basic right. Implementing a system which has the potential to be manipulated to favor or disfavor particular bodies or avenues of information is unacceptable. Furthermore, the fact that those who have the ability to decide the who, what, where, why, and how of this new system are anybody other than the individual seeking access will OBVIOUSLY result in serious erosion of one of the most basic social fabrics of our era. Do not pass this. To do so would be a serious and unforgivable assault on liberty, growth, and innovation. It would be thoroughly duplicitous and unamerican. Are you prepared to make that the legacy of the FCC?

—Nathan Gilliss, Portland, ME


Net Neutrality is essential for a level playing field for all businesses,start ups, citizens etc. one should not been to the will of these quasi-fiefdoms that provide Internet. They just want more money at the cost of stifling innovation prevents the disruptions America is known for. The people have already lost the trust of the Government from the Warrantless spying programs. You will continue this decline in trust. Also the John Oliver skit is proof enough about how underhanded and greedy these companies are. The Internet can provide equal access to data for all. Education for students at a public library to the most expensive private schools. Such equality should not be removed. I urge you to reclassify them to Common Carriers over this tiered system. stand up to these corporate interests and actually do your duty to properly regulate the industry from taking advantage of the American people

—Conor Harden, Bayonne, NJ


Internet service providers must be reclassified as common carriers to protect innovation and consumer choice. Paid prioritization and discrimination go against the principles of the Internet.

—Jefferson Noxon, Houston, TX


Stop putting profits before citizens. The world wide web is a public network, and reducing our access to it so that large corporations with a proven record of tax-dollar misuse (and horrible customer service) can continue to make enormous profits. The internet providers sell a speed, we pay for it, we expect it to get us to ALL parts of the web want at that speed. They cannot even deliver that now. Changes to net neutrality would allow them to be highly unethical. America will continue to fall behind other first world nations if you don't protect net neutrality.

—PE Diana Mobley, Houston, TX


Throw out the current rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Ryan, Astoria, NY


The internet should not be divided into the haves and have nots. Finding a way to charge more the the same service is not a good business model.

—Gregory Pielow, Plymouth, MN

Net Neutrality is essential to a free and open internet. Without it corrupt money hungry companies will ruin the equality of services and organizations across the web. This will shut down healthy competition among websites on the web and boost those companies who can pay the premium for speed to the top and create unbalanced and a monopolistic environment. Do not ruin the open internet. Classify ISPs as common carriers.

—Sam Brice, Lilburn, GA

Dear FCC, Stop this obvious special interest agenda and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Enough is enough. Do the right thing for America.

—Jason Brumbelow, Calhoun, GA

To Whom It May Concern, As a Network Engineer, I am DEEPLY concerned about the FCC's current plans for a two tier system. US companies already pay 200-400% more than companies in other countries for similar service. The system is so broken, that we have multiple people employed, to do nothing more than manage the issues caused by various US based carriers. Additionally, the company that I work for pays millions of dollars for service, which is rarely actually attained. We may be paying for a set service level, but the actual service provided is considerably lower. It is PAST time that these carriers are held to a higher standard, which enables US companies to compete on price and connectivity. Please reclassify internet service providers as common carriers. Please stop the ridiculous two tier system, and move forward with real change.

—Jonathan Davis, Greensboro, NC

The one thing I can honestly say I'm proud to be an American is that we have the freedom to access open, shared knowledge. I am tired of fighting to rid of corporate greed by boycotting certain brands. If net neutrality is eradicated, I have no desire to stay here. I WILL NOT live in a country that controls what their citizens can and cannot access. If you decided to sell your soul and allow the corporations to control our internet, I will join the mass riot before moving out of this hellhole. Sincerely, An annoyed citizen

—Randal Ackerman, Lakewood, WA

WHY ARE THE INTERNET PROVIDERS TO BE GIVEN THE POWER TO CONTROL THE INTERNET??? STOP THIS TRAVESTY!

—Patricia Geiger, FAIRLAWN, OH

Dear FCC Members, Internet is the last standing bastion of true democracy. Please do not let this bastion fall. Andreas

—Andreas Kalogeropoulos, Atlanta, GA

This is just one of many likely threats to relatively free and open Internet. Reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is a common sense answer to this particular threat, and it may secure this public area (and the Internet should be viewed as a public area) against other threats. Today and in the future, equal access to information is a key safeguard for our democratic values and government. Reclassification may present some short-term difficulties, but the long-term gains for our country are tremendous, and they make those difficulties seem trifling.

—Nathan Wittmaier, Warrensburg, MO

Protect freedom of speech over the internet, and do not let the capacity for greater communication among our species- a global imperative- be exclusive to the wealthy and priveleged.

—John Shields, Eugene, OR

This is bull you can not control the internet it is the last free place in the world and you can not take that away. We need to keep net neutrality or else people will not have anywhere to freely speak their minds.

—Anthony Perry, santa Rosa, CA

The problem with so many government entities supposedly created to ensure fairness and impartiality is that they are anything but fair and impartial. In fact, these "commissions", including the FCC, throughout the government are overrun with corporate insiders looking out for corporate (profit) interests, not consumers -- time after time after time. Our interests are not served by your plan Mr. Wheeler, and I think you know that already. I have no confidence that you will actually push any plan but the current model. If I'm wrong -- well, let's just say I would love to be wrong. You can prove me wrong by dumping the FCC's proposed "new" rules that would effectively mean the end of Net Neutrality. Isn't that the goal of corporate interests? Again, prove me wrong -- please!
—Nancy Hatfield, Marysville, CA


Creating a tiered internet elevates commercial speech above other forms of speech and would undermine the principles the internet has grown up around. This change would set a dangerous precedent and take us down a slippery slope toward an internet where ideas and content outside the mainstream are relegated to second-class status. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and preserve Net Neutrality.
—Eric Panzer, Berkeley, CA


The U.S. economy's recovery depends upon new start-ups and innovation. Without true net neutrality and its level playing field, Google, Amazon, Paypal, Netflix, etc. could not have started and grown the the powerhouses they are today. The future of our country depends upon net neutrality.
—Ira Chayut, Los Gatos, CA


Make the internet democratic. Keep the internet democratic.
—Wolf Thandoy, San Francisco, CA


An open internet is important for economic growth, technological growth, and freedom of thought and expression. There are enough markets of scale without adding internet bandwidth in to the equation. Please reclassify!
—Ken Tice, Newark, DE


Please help protect our rights and ability to receive the best possible internet speeds as a consumer without having to pay more in the future.
—Michael Davis`, Nanuet, NY


Throw out your rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers
—Julie Palko, Clermont, FL


Net Neutrality is important because the internet is supposed to democratize and equalize access to information. It is absolutely unfair, if not bordering on breaking business regulations (the few we have left in America), to allow only conglomerates with massive purchasing capital to use/provide decent internet service. Where have anti-trust laws and consumer protections gone? As an American educator, worker, and student, net neutrality and consistent, equal access to internet service are important to me. Stop corporate cronyism and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Ann D'Orazio, Albuquerque, NM


Stop screwing over poor people making them a different class of citizen. Lets make America a place where everyone haa equel opportunity.
—Brent Mitchell, San Marcos, CA


Please insure Net Neutrality. No premium payments for fast lane access. The Internet is part of the commons, built with citizen tax dollars, and should provide equal access to all parties. Small businesses such as mine should not be restricted from competing because we can't afford to pay for faster access to our content.
—Rob Sandusky, Fairfax, CA


Keep our internet free for all users. Don't discriminate
—Nancy Curry, Cheney, WA

Throw your "rules" and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is common sense. Don't let big businesses ruin this world more than they already have.
—Christine Smithers, salem, MA

As a web developer, the barrier to entry into the web development space is low, and that's the way we want to keep it. Don't let ISPs restrict access to their existing service - they'll target burgeoning small businesses and startups, stifling innovation and ultimately hurting all of us.
—Mr. Aaron Yoshitake, Montebello, CA

The internet isn't something that should be allowed to be marketed. It is as fundamental a service as electricity and phone. It wouldn't make sense for a phone company to limit who can call you at which hours or an electric company to only provide so much electricity to specific businesses during a given time period. ISPs must be considered a common carrier or we risk potential censorship issues whether intentional or not. A multi-tier system gives them unprecedented control over what we are able to see. Some ISPs are already heavily involved in television and movie rentals so giving them the opportunity to limit speeds of their competitors should be illegal. A two-tiered network would give them the ability to give themselves advantages. This could have severe consequences (political, economic, and social) in the long-term given the degree to which American society is connected and looks towards the internet for news, information, and entertainment. In addition, allowing internet service providers to create two-tiered internet is giving them the ability to double-dip and charge both the customer and the hosts for their service. If we are going to pursue the path of giving ISPs the ability to establish complex speed tiers within their network, they really need to be regulated as stringently as electric utilities to protect US citizens and American business. Messing with Net Neutrality is akin to playing with fire.
—Benjamin Ealey, Nashville, TN

Net Neutrality is incredibly vital to a free and innovative internet. The internet has allowed all of humanity to come together and advance in leaps and bounds over the past couple of decades, both culturally and technologically. Any attempt by private corporations to stifle the internet is an attempt to stifle basic human progress. We must firmly reject any such possibility, and if the FCC will not represent us in doing so, we must also firmly reject the FCC.
—Jonathan Rajavuori, Apple Valley, MN

the Internet should be regulated like a public utility. net neutrality now!
—Brian J Belge, Lititz, PA

A two-tiered Internet would discriminate against online content and applications providers. It would stifle innovation and the ability for consumers to use new cutting edge services. Be smart and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Dan Bettinger, austin, TX

Innovation in business is the engine of our economy, and it comes, in large part from startup companies. Net Neutrality makes it possible for startups to compete with larger companies, to create jobs, and the next big thing. Please do not allow telecoms and cable operators to put a stranglehold on innovation and competition.
—Mr. Bill Merikallio, Aptos, CA

Net neutrality is important for the education of our posterity. Please, don't compromise it. Abner
—Abner Cesaire, SUNRISE, FL

The biggest problem I have with this is the filter. We will only know what the government wants us to know if this happens. You are putting limited amounts of information out there so we know only lies and bits and pieces of information. My other main problem is that they want to put higher prices on different parts of the internet. What's wrong with the way it is now? Keep it the way it is. This does NOT need to go into effect. KEEP net neutrality!
—Kayla Kyle, Guttenberg, IA